

Medicaid Advisory Committee

Minutes of Aug 21, 2025

Participants

Committee Members (via phone):

Rachel Craig (Chair), Dr. Jennifer Brinton, Michael Hales, Daryl Herrschaft, Melissa Presley, Brian Monsen, VACANT, Calleen Kenney, Mechelle Wiggill, Joe Hirabayashi, and Davis Moore.

Committee Members Absent:

Carlos Fuentes, Joey Ulrich, Nancy Strahan, Dr. Scott Folkman, Jennifer Marchant, Alicia Beckstead, Michael Jensen, and Cassidy Matthews.

DHHS Staff (via phone):

Josip Ambrenac, Tracy Barkley, Laurie Bird, Gina Boren, Jorges Fuentes, Ronak Iqbal, Jennifer Meyer-Smart, Brian Roach, Michelle Smith, Jim Stamos, Jennifer Strohecker, Kolbi Young, Sharon Steigerwalt, and Dorrie Reese

Guest (via phone):

Seth Anderson (LE), Ciriaco Alvarez, Stephanie Burdick, Justine Case, Emma Chacon, Nelson Clayton, Thaiss Del Rio, Julie Ewing, Richard Ferguson, Matt Hanson, Amy Johnson, Aimee Klein, Elise Napper (OIG), Andrea Neilsen, Anna Ott (DGO), Stuart Pappas, Matt Poss, Kari Reimann (PH-CD), Andrew Riggle, Leigha Rodak, Caitlin Schneider, Randal Serr, Daniel Sloan, Stacy Stanford, Courtney Stokholm, Stacey Swilling (State Dental Director), Jeremy Taylor (AI/AN), Rachel Townsend, Nicole Valleires, Christopher Williams, Melissa Zito

Welcome:

Rachel Craig welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes:

Rachel Craig made the motion to approve June 19, 2025, MAC minutes. Dr. Jennifer Brinton seconded that motion. The group unanimously agreed.

Thank you for your service to the MAC:

Rachel Craig thanked Carlos Flores, Member-at-Large for his service on the MAC.

Open MAC Appointments:

Rachel Craig announced there are two open appointments for Consumer Representatives for Medicaid Recipients. If anyone is interested, please email Sharon Steigerwalt at ssteigerwalt@utah.gov

Vote to change time for MAC Meeting:

Rachel Craig discussed a vote to change the MAC meetings from 2:00pm – 4:00 pm to 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Rachel Craig made an announcement to bring this back to the next meeting for further discussion.

H.R. 1 Federal Reconciliation Bill:

Jennifer Strohecker gave an update.

The document which was presented is embedded in this document.

[H.R.1 Timeline](#)

Director's Report:

Jennifer Strohecker gave an update on Upcoming Medicaid Policy Changes, medical transportation, recent CMS press release, Amendment Update, and SPAs Rules.

The documents which were presented are embedded in this document.

[Modivcare-Enters into Comprehensive Restructuring Agreement](#)

[CMS-Verifying Citizenship and Immigration Status of Medicaid and CHIP Beneficiaries](#)

[CMS-Remove Ineligible Medicaid Enrollees, Uphold Citizenship Requirements](#)

Beneficiary Advisory Council Update:

Kolbi Young gave an update.

<https://medicaid.utah.gov/bac/>

Adult Dental Waiver Utilization Review:

Jim Stamos gave an update.

[MAC Dental Expansion](#)

Rural Health Transformative Fund Project:

Ronak Iqbal gave an update.

The document which was presented is embedded in this document.

[Rural Health Transformation Program](#)

Medicaid Eligibility & Enrollment Update:

Michelle Smith gave an update

The documents which were presented are embedded in this document.

[Enrollment Report](#)

[Eligibility Data](#)

SPA's Rules:

The documents which were presented are embedded in this document.

[SPA Summary](#)

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2025, 2:00-4:00 p.m.